

*Funding Improves Transportation Safety and Reduces Burden on NY Taxpayers*

*Port Jervis, NY* – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) announced today that Port Jervis is one stop closer to receiving \$1,000,000 in federal funds to rehabilitate two bridges carrying I-84 over the Delaware and Neversink Rivers by replacing their superstructures. It also adds much needed shoulders to both bridges.

The two bridges on I-84, built in 1967, are vital to sustaining interstate traffic. I-84 is a major commercial route between New England and the Midwest, with 25% of its traffic typically consisting of trucks and shipping vehicles. The rehabilitation of the bridges will also include the addition of shoulders that will improve traffic flow and allow disabled vehicles to move out of the travel lanes.

The federal funding for the I-84 repairs in Port Jervis was secured by Hall in the Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill for FY 2011 (H.R. 5850), which was passed in the House last night and now heads to the Senate. Overall, the bill provides \$45.2 billion to improve and repair our nation's highway infrastructure, and will also provide vital housing aid to millions of Americans and make critical investments in FAA safety inspection systems.

"I am pleased that federal funds will help make sure these two important bridges on I-84 just outside of Port Jervis will be upgraded," said Rep. Hall. "Keeping our roads and highways in top condition is an important function of government, and it's good to know that this investment in our infrastructure will make travel easier, safer and more efficient."

The Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill will create more than 142,000 new jobs across all sectors of the economy, spur economic growth, and allow states to complete additional infrastructure projects.

"Today we are putting Americans back to work, particularly in the hard-hit construction sector, and in so doing, we are strengthening our nation," said Rep. Hall.